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SUBJECT: BEIRUT EVACUATION

REF: USS CORONADO 272046Z JUL 76;

BEIRUT 6649, 6651, 6652, 6650;

ATHENS 7662

1. AS REPORTED ATHENS 7662, BEIRUT EVACUATION CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY AT 1130 LOCAL, WHEN ALL EVACUEES DEPARTED PROCESSING AREA ENROUTE TO AIRPORT OR HOTELS. WE ESTIMATE THAT TWO THIRDS OF EVACUEES WILL BE DEPARTING ATHENS WITHIN 24 HOURS, WITH REMAINDER LINGERING WITH FRIENDS OR RELATIVES.

2. OWING PRIOR EFFORTS BEIRUT CONSULAR STAFF NO REPEAT NO EVACUEE REQUIRED REPATRIATION ASSISTANCE AT ATHENS, NOT ALREADY APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT, I.E. MR AND MRS READY. LATTER HAVE RESERVATIONS FOR JULY 30. SEPTELS WILL REPORT TRAVEL PLANS AND PLANS OF OTHERS FOR WHOM UNCLASSIFIED

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SCS TRUST FUNDS WERE DEPOSITED.

3. AID PARTICIPANTS WHO WERE STUDENTS AT AUB AND SUBJECT BEIRUT REFTEL 6650 WERE MET AND PROVIDED WITH TICKETS FOR AUTHORIZED TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM. ALTHOUGH FLIGHT RESERVATIONS WERE MADE FOR DEPARTURE SAME DAY, APPROX 15 CHOSE TO DELAY DEPARTURE UNTIL JULY 30 OR 31. ALL AWARE THAT THEIR STAY IN ATHENS WILL BE AT PERSONAL EXPENSE. THEY HAVE BEEN REQUESTED NOTIFY AID/AMEMBASSY THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL.

4. FOR DEPARTMENTS INFORMATION, EVACUEES WERE GLOWING IN THEIR PRAISE OF USS CORONADO PERSONNEL. CONSULAR PERSONNEL ON BOARD VESSEL HAVE OBSERVED THAT THEY HEARD NOT ONE RPT NOT ONE CRITICAL COMMENT DURING COURSE OF VOYAGE. SO FAR WE HAVE HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCE AT ATHENS.

5. PRIOR TO VESSELS ARRIVAL, EVACUEES WERE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE CURRENCY AND MAKE ONWARD FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS, WHEN EMBASSY FINANCE OFFICER ACCOMPANIED BY TWA AND PAA REPRESENTATIVES HELICOPTERED OUT TO VESSEL. AT PIER ALL EVACUEES WERE RAPIDLY PROCESSED BY GREEK IMMIGRATION OFFICERS BEFORE DEPARTING SHIP (INCLUDING TWO STOWAWAY DOGS). AS EVACUEES LEFT SHIP THEY WERE MET BY US OR FOREIGN CONSULAR PERSONNEL, ASSISTED THROUGH CUSTOMS, AND OFFERED COURTESY TRANSPORTATION TO ATHENS AIRPORT OR HOTELS.

6. THIS CONCLUDES ATHENS REPORTING ON EVACUATION, WITH EXCEPTION INDIVIDUAL SCS MESSAGES REFERRED TO IN PARA TWO.
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